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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/IRAN: DUTCH WILL NOT ATTEND UPCOMING
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[1](#)1. (SBU) Emboffs shared reftel points concerning the upcoming Iran-hosted nuclear conference with the Dutch Foreign Ministry's Middle East desk and the Non-proliferation Division Head as well as with Taco Westerhuis, Coordinator for Middle East and Energy Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA). (Note: MEA has lead responsibility for energy issues in the Dutch government. End note.)

[1](#)2. (SBU) Westerhuis told Econoff October 27 "there wasn't much enthusiasm" at MEA about the conference. MEA Trade Policy Department Deputy Director, Rene van Hell, followed up October 28 to emphasize the Dutch government "won't attend" the conference.

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